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SUBJ: RED:ECAF:ENERGY ISSUE ARISES EARLY IN 26TH SESSION OF INR
COMMITTEE

1. ENERGY IS OBVIOUSLY A MAJOR CONCERN OF 26TH SESSION OF ECAF
COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES. IN INAUGURAL ADDRESS,
MR. OSOT KOSIN, THAI MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, IN BRIEF SPEECH SPECIFI-
CALLY WELCOMED PRESIDENT NIXON'S INITIATIVE TO HOLD A PETROLEUM
CONFERENCE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND HAS
TAKEN THE PROBLEM OF RAW MATERIAL AND FUEL SHORTAGES SERIOUSLY
ON THE GROUND OF THEIR DIRECT EFFECTS ON OUR INDUSTRIAL
PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AS WELL AS THE NATION'S ECONOMIC
PROGRESS AND STABILITY. ON THE OIL CRISIS MATTER, WE WELCOME THE
INITIATIVE TAKEN BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO HOLD A MEETING OF
INDUSTRIAL CONSUMER NATIONS IN WASHINGTON THIS MONTH IN ORDER
TO FIND A CONCERTED PROGRAMME TO MEET THE WORLD'S ENERGY NEEDS
IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD SATISFY THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF
BOTH THE PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES. END QUOTE.

2. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS' SPEECH, WHICH FOLLOWED, NOTED
THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF THE ENERGY CRISIS ON DEVELOPING AND
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, REFERRED TO THE UPCOMING ECAF ENERGY
MEETING AND RECOMMENDED THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
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ENERGY RESOURCES CENTER FOR THE REGION. HE ALSO NOTED THE

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS OF CCOP IN LOCATING NEW SOURCES OF
ENERGY IN OFFSHORE AREAS.

3. USDEL WILL RECOMMEND POSTPONING ANY DECISION ON ESTABLISHMENT
OF ENERGY RESOURCES CENTER, AT LEAST UNTIL ECAFE ENERGY
MEETING LATER THIS MONTH.
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